(b) In the Resolution, the Federations have urged the Government and the port and dock authorities to take urgent steps to implement all the terms of the Settlement particularly in respect of improvement in promotional opportunities, productivity linked bonus, demand for decasualisation/institutionalisation of cargo handling workers in Paradip, New Mangalore, Haldia and Tuticorin, claims regarding reclassification of posts, decasualisation of additional categories of dock workers in other ports, retirement benefits, demand for merger of MSA Pool labour and Madras Clearing and Forwarding Agents Pool labour under Madras Dock Labour Board. Action on all these demands has already been initiated and they are at different stages of progress.

Casual workers in Rajkot and Bhavnagar Divisions

*210. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVA-KOLI:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of casual workers made permanent on Rajkot and Bhavnagar Divisions of Western Region during the last three years; and

(b) what is the criterion for making casual and temporary workers permanent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) 148 casual labour on Rajkot Division and 207 on Bhavnagar Division of Western Railway have been absorbed in regular employment during the last three years.

(b) Absorption of casual labour in regular service depends upon factors like availability of vacancies in the relevant unit of absorption, eligibility and suitability for regular service and length of service as casual labour.

Direct flight between Delhi and Rajkot

*211. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVA-KOLI:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any demand for connecting Delhi-Rajkot by direct flight to cope with the heavy rush of passengers; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) A suggestion has been received to this effect.

(b) A traffic survey recently conducted revealed that passenger demand between Rajkot and Delhi was only 3—5 passengers per day; hence Indian Airlines have no plan to introduce a direct flight between Rajkot and Delhi.

Pay Scales of Director of Physical Education or Sports Officer in Medical Colleges

*212. SHRI S. W. DHABE:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the pay scales paid to Director of Physical Education appointed in medical colleges;

(b) what is the basis of these pay scales;

(c) whether it is a fact that the pay scales applicable to them are less than those prescribed by U.G.C.;

(d) whether there is any proposal to remove the discrimination in emoluments for the persons doing the same and similar job in medical colleges and other colleges under the control of University; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (c) Most of the Medical Colleges are administered by the State Government who also decide the pay scales of staff in these colleges. These vary from State to State.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.